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Immunohistochemistry: In place of probe, we can use antibody.

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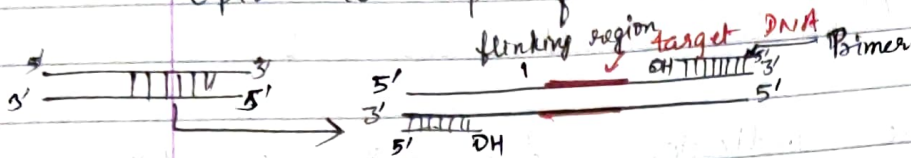
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## PROCESS:

Template of target DNA is taken (other parts of DNA could also be amplified).

- Upto 10 Kbp. of DNA amplification could be done.



Replication need a small oligonucleotide (20 nucleotides long) is called primer. This primer can bind with flanking region of DNA of desired seq. i.e. target DNA.

→ dNTPs - deoxy nucleotide triphosphate.

Taq polymerase

buffer

Mg<sup>2+</sup>

KCl

all component is putted in tube  
0.2 - 0.5 ml (200-2000 µl)  
thin walled microtubes  
any defect will block PCR.

Thermal cycle: Put tube in thermal cycle block and covers it by hot lid.

- The rxn starts and first step of rxn is
- (1) denaturation DNA (two strands are separated) (20-30 sec)
  - (2) Annealing (due to complementarity bases will be joined at low temperature) 65°C

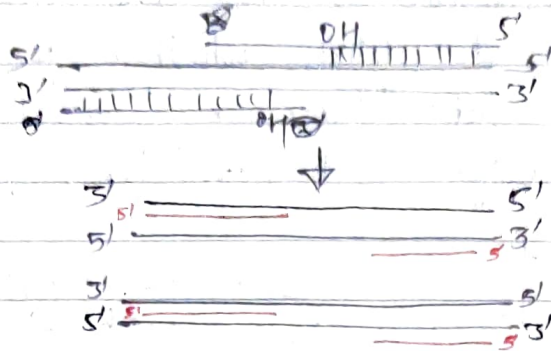
Melting temp. is given by formula.

$$T_m = \frac{2(A+T) + 4(G+C)}{100} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

Annealing temp is 5°C lower than T<sub>m</sub>.

(\*) C

④ Elongation - Polymerisation occurs at 70-75°C and strands elongated.



This replication is exponential in terms of  $2^n$ . We can take amplified millions of molecules.

These 3 steps are repeated again and again.

(4) Hold - At the end of cycle, elongation is performed at 72°C for 5 min. This is c/a hold.

- The last step is to hold  $2^n$  at 4-5°C.

This is a kind of automated thermal cycle.

- We can do 2% of Agarose gel electrophoresis of PCR product. As amplicon and can calculate the size. If size is same throughout, then we can say that PCR is performed error free.

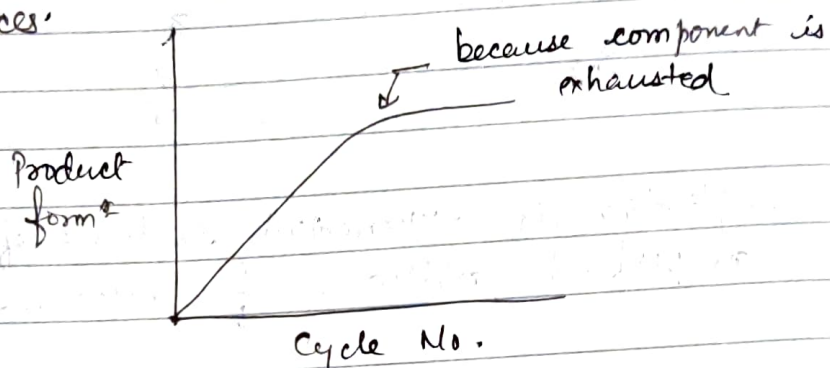


Taq polymerase usually causes  $10^3$  to  $10^6$  errors. So one error is incorporated per  $10^3$  -  $10^6$  nucleotides.

This sequencing is performed.

During elongation 1000 nucleotides are added per minute.

- For unk/n sequences, we use universal primers. We have to do trial whether primer is get annealed or not. There are several techniques which can design primers for specific unknown sequences.

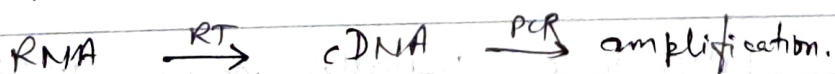


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All the sample (initials) should be in excess. If once exhaustion occurs, PCR will be interrupted. All materials should be optimised.

### Applications of PCR:

- (1) DNA can be amplified.
- (2) For sequencing DNA - Sanger method.
- (3) DNA phylogeny, taxonomy and evolutionary significance could be identified.
- (4) Expression profile - There are diff. modification which could be known by this.
- (5) RT-PCR - Reverse transcription is done with help of RTase and RNA will give cDNA by this method and by this method cDNA is amplified.



- (6) SNPs - Single Nucleus Polymorphs determination.